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# ANOTHER GREAT FIRE IN NEW YORK

Lower End of Manhattan Shaken by Several Explosions.

### BOTH RUIN AND EXCITEMENT.

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the flames, which burst out from the the the Tarrant building like the belching of a cannon, at once broke forth.

SPREAD OF THE FIRE.

Across Warren street to the opposite buildings the flames leaped, setting them all after at once, the force of the explosion demolishing windows, and all wooden structures about the sources. In a moment Warren street was choked up with a mass of debris and the whole place was aflame. The great explosion was followed by half a dozen more scarcely less intense and by a countless number of smaller once. By this time, the fire apparatus was arriving from every direction. Deputy Chief Ahern came about two minutes after the second series of explosions and he at once ordered a fifth alarm aent out, followed by a general call for ambulances. The explosion and fire together had now assumed the proportions of a great catastrophe, and it was at first thought that, hundreds of lives had been lost. Throngs of people were rushing about in the nearby streets, many of them panic-stricken, feeing from the fire. They mingled in the crowd that was rushing down from Brondway to see what had happened.

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Half an hour after the explosion the streets for blocks around the fire were crowded with fire apparatus, with a score of ambulances, while hundreds of police were being rushed from all the lower precincts of the city to form lines, and many priests from nearby parlshes were going here and there in the smoke-obscured thoroughfares seeking for injured who might need their aid. From the burning districts a column of smoke was rising high in the air, mingled with flames that could not be controlled by hundreds of streams thrown upon them.

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jured.
Search for bodies is going on and will be continued all night. Chief Croker said to-night that no firemen had persished in the fire, all his men having been accounted for.

### RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

FROM ENFORCING RATES ON COTTON SEED

seeking for injured who might need their aid. From the burning districts a column of snoke was rising high in the air, mingled with flames that could not be controlled by hundreds of streams. The second explosion carried destruction in every direction. That it did not cause a wholesale loss of life was due to the fact that almost ten minutes' warning came after the first cry of fire warning came after the first cry of fire people, who knew the character of the chemicals in the burning building—and fully five minutes occurred between the first and minor explosion, which warned everyone within hearing and (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot)

# ENGINEER WILSON.

Gratifying Progress in Construction of Coast Defences.

#### THE RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Up to the present time thirty local-ities have been selected for defense on the coast. No formal projects were added to the list during the past year, but preliminary projects have been framed for the defense of the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, and the defense of several other localities is under con-sideration. Attention has been given

of the fire and was nearly hysterical when he found what had happened. By half-past 2, however, the directors of the bank had met and posted a sign in the window stating that the bank would do business to-ucorrow.

Down in Mecklem Brothers' office there were H. C. Meeklem and his brother, William, with Frank Hecken-berry, a boy: Thomas Hackett, a clerk; another man mamed Bruce and some girls, among them Elicn VanDean and May Dunklemann. When the fire broke out \$50,000 in money lay upon the counters. Hackenberry was stationed at the door while this was gathered together for putting in the vaults.

The first explosion filled the place with sulphurous smoke that nearly asphyxiated everybody. The second explosion blew in the windows and cut the two Mecklems seriously. The boy Heckenberr, found the two girls lying in a heap, ainted away. He carried them out to a place of safety. The others, when they came to their senses, gathered the money from the floor, put it in cigar boxes and carried it to Waddell & Company.

LOSS OF LIFE.

The total of the estimates submitted on account of fortifications for the next year is \$5,715,000, and of this amount \$4,710,000 is on account of the construc-

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LOSS OF LIFE.

New York, Oct. 29.—How many of the girls and other employees escaped could not be guessed even to-night, although a large number of missing persons indicated that there were some. It was said that half of the employees were out getting lunch. A rumor went around that a boy had been seen at one of the nearby restaurants getting lunches for fifteen girls, who were waiting in the building.

A man named Sexton is said to have seen two men and a woman at one of the top floor windows just before the building collapsed. Another witness said he saw four girls being carried down the rear fire escapes by men of Truck 10. As no firemen are supposed to have been lost, these girls probably were saved.

Another witness said that he saw a large number of girls on a fire escape just before the explosion, and that none could have escaped.

318,485,298,

The estimates above \$25,000 for the river and harbor works next year in the South are as follows:
Inland waterway from Chincoteague Bay, Va., to Delaware Bay, \$60,000,

Patapseo river and channel to Baltimore, Md., \$525,362,

Harbor of Southeast Baltimore, \$80,000,

Potomac river, Washington, D. C.

Potomac river below Washington

80,400.

Rappahannock river, Va., \$25,000.

James river, Va., \$390,000.

Norfolk harbor, Va., \$56,700.

Water way from Norfolk, Va., to the ounds of North Carolina, \$29,870.

Pamlico and Tar rivers, N. C., \$32,500.

Cape Fear river, above Wilmington, V. C., \$25,000.

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Cape Fear river, at and below Wilmington, N. C., \$260,000.
Winyah Bay, S. C., \$525,000.
Santee river, S. C., \$38,000.
Congaree river, S. C., \$28,000.
Charleston harbor, S. C., \$60,000.
Savannah harbor, Ga., \$50,000.
Savannah river, Ga., \$100,000.
Dobey bar, Ga., \$30,000.
Altamaha river, Ga., \$26,000.
Ocmulgee river, Ga., \$40,000.
Cumberland sound, Ga., and Florida, \$400,000.
St. John's river, Fla., \$400,000.

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St. John's river, at Orange Mills.
Fla., \$40,000.
Key West harber, Fla., \$175,000.
Sarasota river, Fla., \$37,500.
Tampa Bay, Fla., \$175,000.
Hillsboro Bay, Fla., \$175,000.
Apalachicola Bay, Fla., \$41,000.
Flint river, Ga., \$30,900.
Chattahoochee river, Ga., and Alabama, below Columbus, \$80,000.
Pensacola harbor, Fla., \$180,000.
Coosa river, between Rome, Ga., and the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad, \$450,000.
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Warrior and Tombigbee rivers, \$255,

ABSCONDING TELLER CAUCHT.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot)

JOHN ADDISON PORTER. Mr. Porter was at one time the Secretary of President McKinley, but resigned. He is now ill and his death hourly expected.

MR. BRYAN BREAKS HIS OWN RECORD.

CORNELIUS M. ALVORD ARREST- He Feels Well After Making Thirty Speeches in One Day.

## MR. BRYAN WARMLY GREETED

it means the abandonment of our ideals; it means that adoption of the colonial policy against which our fore-fathers protested 123 years ago, and before you Republicans vote for that I want you to remember that you sign the death warrant of self-government in the Philippine Islands, you sign the death warrant of your own self-government in this country; when you deny liberty to others you strike a blow at your own. The best way to defend your own rights is to recognize the rights of others.

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Brooklyn bridge and to the Academy of
Music in that city, where the longest
speech of the night was made. There
was another great throng in the vicinity of the Academy, and the interior
was crowded until there was room for
no more.

have always believed that a man's of the was his own; that he ought to use to according to his judgment and his onscience and that he ought to allow to party to dictate to him. I believe man's country ought to be above his arty all the time and I never finity and the time and there is no doubt that the city will give Mr. Bryan a good majority, although the aggregate vote cast bids far to be small.

MANY POLITICAL RALLIES.

Arrangements are being made for a great many political rallies in and around Richmond this week by both the Democratic and Republican managers. Strong speakers from abroad will every likely come here for Democratic meetings, and General Edgar Allan, Mr. Hugh Gordon Miller, of Norfolk, and Mr. John M. Ryall will do the honors for the Republican speakers from abroad with the administration.

This, however, cannot be regarded as an index to the sentiment the city will give Mr. Bryan a good majority, although the aggregate vote c

differs from me on a public question. I believe the great majority of the people are honest and honesty desire good sovernment, and the differences between people are not differences for public and the people are not differences of purposes of the campaign, and was applicated as each point was made.

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN ENDED.
New York, Oct. 23.—William J. Bryan to night brought to a close his clectionic ering work in the present campaign in Greater New York by making a speech to a large and enthusiastic gathering at Hamilton Fish Park, in Manhattan, and six speeches in Brooklyn. The demonstration in Brooklyn was one of the largest political outpourings in the history of the borough. Over a hundred bands furnished music and it is estimated that over one hundred thous and people saw and heard the Democratic candidate speak to-night. There were eight different parades in the borough and it is estimated that outcome the forty thousand people were in line. Fireworks famed until midnight from a dozen different stands and Greek fire was everywhere. A small army of policemen kept the crowds in order and twenty mounted officers met Mr. Bryan's party at the bridge entrance and acted as an escort for the remainder of the evening. The first speech was made at the Academy of Music. As the Bryan party approached the Academy bombs and skyrockets were set off in front of the Borough Hall and filled the sky with colored stars. Music broke forth from a dozen bands and the throngs of people in the streets cheered and shouted themselves hoarse. The Academy was rowded with an enthusiastic audience and thousands of people who wished to find the platform the crowd went with with platuse, and it was at least to make the platform the crowd went with whith platuse, and it was at least for the period of the streets of the form the speak to-night in the platform the crowd went with whith platform the crowd went with whith plati

to proceed. Mr. Bryan spoke for thirty minutes, being frequently interrupted by applause.

Senator Wellington, of Maryland, followed Mr. Bryan, who, as soon as his speech was ended, started for the Park Theatre Mr. Bryan made a dash for the Eastern district, arriving at the Park Theatre Mr. Bryan made a dash for the Eastern district, arriving at the Paince Park rink about \$15 o'clock. Before his arrival there was a parade of six thousand Democrats with twenty bands. At a quarier to ten Mr. Bryan arrived at Liederkranz Hall, where there was another parade and more bands. At Military Hall, the next stopping place, there was a parade and 27 bands to greet the candidate. It was nearly eleven o'clock when the candidate reached Arlon Hall. This was a labor meeting and Edwin Markham and Controller Coler had addressed the gathering before Mr. Bryan arrived. Prom Arion Hall. Mr. Bryan arrived. Prom Arion Hall. Mr. Bryan arrived. Prom Arion Hall. Mr. Bryan arrived. Prom Arion Hall Mr. Bryan arrived. Prom Arion Hall. Mr. Bryan arrived. Prom Arion Hall Mr. Bryan selecting in Hamilton Fish Park, under the exact side, was a great success. The East side, was a son side of the transport

out. He stated that he had not been near Mount Vernon, but that he left New York Tuesday at midnight and arrived in Boston Wednesday morning.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT.

When asked what he had done with the money, he said:

"Well, \$700,000 is a whole lot of money, but it goes easy."

In referring to horse races, he said he had backed horses, but never on a race track; and had owned fast horses himself. He said he had lived his life and had taken life to its full at the rate of \$50,000 a year, or more. He said he would not make any fight; would throw up his hands, take his sentence and after that was over would come out in the world again. He said he knew he would be unable to secure bail and that he had nothing with which to make restitution.

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As a rule, greater enthuslasm was manifested than at smaller places on Mr. Bryan's first tour of the State, and the crowds were generally large in proportion to the population. Of the day meeting Kingston was the longest as well as need the most enthusiastic. Haventraw and West Nyack also received Mr. Bryan most cordially.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW QUOTED.

Voorheesville, N. Y., Oct. 29.—In his cobbleskill speech Mr. Bryan quoted Senator Depew on the army question: I'd want to show you what Mr. Depew said it would take more than that if we carried out the colonial policy. He said: I't would mean the increase of our annual expenditures to double what the colonial policy. He said: I't would mean the increase of our annual expenditures to double what the colonial policy. He was allowed to hear a rule, greater enthuslasm was manifested than at smaller places on Mr. Bryan's first tour of the State, and the crowds w he had backed horses, but never on a race track; and had owned fast horses, himself. He said he had lived his life and had taken life to fits full at the rate of \$59,000 a year, or more. He said he would not make any fight; would itrow up his hands, take his sentence and after that was over would come out in the world again. He said he knew he would be unable to secure bail and that he had nothing with which to make restitution.

On being searched at police head-quarters only a few dollars were found in his pockets, which he was allowed ito keep. He sent a telegram to Lawyer Gardiner in New York, asking him to meet the train when it arrived in New York.

The Mosquito Floet.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Wilmington, N. C., Oct, 29.—Four of the vessels of the mosquito fleet, Nos. 7, 9, 8 and 11, bound from Trenton Cuba by the inland route, to do revue cutter duty about 4 he island, pating a count of rough weather, and reported and the old having lost No. 10 in the vicinity of Frying Pan lightship early Sunday morning. The revenue cutter Algonquin, stationed at this port, left immediately in search of her. The littie vessel is of very light draft; and has a crew of captain and six men.

# THE DEMOCRATS OF RICHMOND AT WORK.

They are Making the Most of the Last Campaign Week.

ENTHUSIASM IS DESIRED.

most of the last week before elections and will do everything to bring out the full vote on November 5th. The Democratic chances in this city are not as good as the leaders would like. It seems almost impossible to stir up any enthusiasm, and each man goes his way as though he had already, made up his mind how his vote would be cast.

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